

Comprehensive Plan meeting  
Meeting minutes of 8/21/2021

Minutes of July 21, 2021 meeting at Appleton Library, 7 pm

Minutes by Sid Quarrier July 22, 2021

Members present Diane Schivera, Gary Roberts, Peter Beckett, Scott Esancy

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

1. First business: to consider the minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting. Motion to approve; It was noted that the Midcoast Economic Dev. District correctly is shortened to MCEDD, not to MEDD in the minutes. Other than that, motion seconded and voted for approval. Mr Esancy abstained.

2. There was an introduction to Scott Esancy as a new member, and a brief overview discussion with him about the work of the committee.

3. Next was a continuing consideration of the proposed \$ 4,000 contract agreement with Mid Coast Economic Development District (MCEDD) for professional services in helping the committee prepare the revised Plan. Peter Beckett had spoken with Max Johnstone of MCEDD, who would be working on our plan, and Peter reported on the possible benefits of an approved Plan as it can provide access for the Town to several different kinds of municipal grants. There was also discussion that an updated plan will provide important current information about the Town in many areas including population, housing, open space, and Town services and infrastructure.

Peter also outlined that a project with MCEDD would be 15 to 18 months in duration leading to consideration for a plan approval at a town meeting in June of 2023.

After further discussion, there was general agreement that the Committee should recommend to the Select Board that the \$4,000 contract with MCEDD be approved. The contract has an initial payment of \$ 2,000 and a final payment of \$2,000 as the plan is presented to the Town for approval. It was noted that these professional services provided to the Town by MCEDD have a street value of something well more than \$ 20,000. MCEDD is a regional semipublic agency to which Appleton is a contributor, thus gets professional services at a significant discount.

4. A motion to request the Appleton Select Board to approve the MCEDD contract was made by Gary Roberts and seconded by Peter Beckett.

In a brief discussion it was pointed out that the professional services provided by this contract are the only likely way that our local Plan Committee can accomplish revision of the old plan in a timely and effective way.

The motion was voted on by unanimous approval.

There being no further business. the next meeting was set for Wed, Aug. 18, 2021 at 7pm at the Appleton Library, meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm